

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9 and 11- 20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per claims 1:

"a formatter coupled to the gain module, the formatter operable to receive the amplified signal and to adjust the hue of the color associated with the at least one clipped pixel and a saturation level associated with the color that was specified by the signal, wherein the hue of the color associated with the at least one clipped pixel is adjusted to substantially the hue of the color that was specified by the signal."

As per claim 9:

"communicating to a formatter an amplified signal having at least one clipped pixel, wherein the at least one clipped pixel is capable of generating a color having a hue that is substantially different than a hue of a color that was specified by the signal and adjusting the hue of the color associated with the at least one clipped pixel and a saturation level associated with the color that was specified by the signal, wherein the hue of the color associated with the at least one clipped pixel is adjusted to substantially the hue of the color that was specified by the signal."

As per claim 18:

“adjusting a color component having a third amplified color level to a second intermediate color level, the color component comprising a third color component having a color level smaller than the first color component and the second color component before amplification of the signal wherein adjusting the color component having the second amplified color level is based at least in part on the scaled color component having the maximum color level, the first color component having the largest color level before amplification, and the third color component having a color level smaller than the first color component and the second color component before amplification.”

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Rahmjoo whose telephone number is 571-272-7789. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM- 5 pm.

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